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## BATTERY KEEN FOR MOVEMENT TO THE FRONT

Interesting Letter From Sergt. T. J. McVittie, M.A., Arts '12.

### ANXIOUS TO SEE SERVICE.

Tells of Wonderful Esprit de Corps Which Exists in the McGill Battery Overseas.

Much interesting news of the 271st (Canadian) Siege Battery, formerly No. 6 (McGill) Overseas Siege Battery, is contained in a letter received by Principal Fraser, of the Montreal Presbyterian College, from Sergt. T. J. McVittie, Arts '12, Theol. '15, who was a corporal in the McGill C. O. T. C. last year, and gave up his duties as tutor in the Presbyterian College to join Major Tait's unit. The letter deals chiefly with Sergt. McVittie's views of life in the army, and forms most interesting reading. It is as follows:

"To a certain extent life in the army has been so far fairly uneventful, being pretty much the usual prosaic routine of the barracks. With the exception of the first two months we spent in the Citadel in Halifax, our training has been of a very general character. I have been very much surprised to find that in both the camps in which we have been stationed since leaving Canada, the facilities for training heavy artillery are extremely few. I imagine the War Office has the greatest difficulty in providing for the needs of the batteries at the front, and of those in training. And consequently much of our drill is done on guns which since the beginning of the war have become quite obsolete. The work, however, is not by any means useless; we are gradually acquiring that speed and unity of action which are of such importance in any fighting branch of the service. Our drill is for a new 6-inch Howitzer, the simplest yet the most wonderful gun imaginable. I have seen photographs of this type of gun, and numerous descriptions, and they bear out in detail all that those who have seen it in action claim for it. We are going next week to drill for a day on this same gun, and naturally I am full of eagerness to see it.

"I can fully understand now why the enemy are quite unable to withstand the fire of our heavy artillery. It is quite impossible to imagine that they have anything at all equal to the Howitzer. The question we are constantly asking is how long it will be until we, too, take our place in the firing line, and the inevitable slowness of our progress does not make the answer at all easier. But I have often thought since I joined the battery, that if we knew all that it meant to be actually at the front, we would not be in such a desperate hurry to get there. Nevertheless, I do go to-morrow if they would let me—and we are all one in that desire. We have not the least idea, of course, when we shall go; that is known only in the councils of Heaven and to the War Office, but the general feeling is that Christmas will see us in France.

"For one who has always held the soldier's life in horror, I have had a pleasant and most interesting experience since I became a soldier. Of course, we in this battery are uncommonly privileged. In the first place, few units were ever so blessed in their officers. From the very first our welfare has been their first charge, and never on any occasion have they manifested anything but the deepest interest in us. Very few, if any units could say that. From first to last, I have been treated as a gentleman, and I have found it a source of encouragement and a pleasant surprise; for my erroneous views of army life had led me far astray.

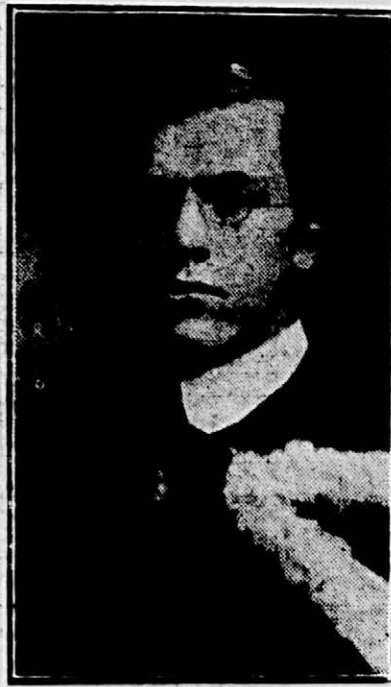
"Then, being mostly University men, we are an unusual crowd. We have so many interests in common; we are bound together by the ties of a common interest in our beloved Alma Mater, and in many instances, by a long friendship. One can therefore easily understand the esprit de corps that exists amongst us. I have never met a body of men so congenial and so delightful to work with. Never for a moment have I regretted the step I took last May. We have the intellect, and we have the right spirit; granted the requisite training, and no battery ever let Canada with greater promise of success.

"I suppose there is a very considerable decrease in numbers in the college this year. I deeply grieve to learn that some of my old friends will never enter the old halls again. Homer Matheson, I fear, is dead; and Billy Keir and Ford have laid down their lives. It makes one sad to think they have gone, but they had the crowning glory of dying in a great and glorious cause. John Jess and Billy McConnell are within a few miles of me; I hope to see them next week. Jess came through with a wound from which he has almost recovered. I often wonder if in the good Providence of God, I shall be spared to see the old college again in which I spent the happiest years of my life."

### JACK WILLIAMS WOUNDED.

A Kingston despatch says that L. J. Williams, of that city, has received word that his son, Lieut. Jack Williams, the famous Rugby player, was in the Red Cross Hospital at Rouen, suffering from a gun shot wound in the ankle.

### DIES OF HIS WOUNDS.



LIEUT. C. H. B. COOPER.

A member of the class of Science '12, who was wounded early in the month while with the Royal Engineers, and has just died of his wounds.

## FRENCH PLAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY

"Le Medecin Malgre Lui" Chosen as Vehicle This Season.

### THE TEA ROOM TO-DAY.

Receipts of French Play Will be Employed in Relief of Wounded Soldiers.

The annual French play, an event which is looked forward to with so much eagerness and pleasure by the students, is going to be presented by the students of the R. V. C., next Saturday, November 25, at 3 p.m., in the Common Room of the R. V. C.

The play, "Le Medecin Malgre Lui," by Moliere, is a highly amusing comedy—a fact which should ensure it great success.

All the students are requested to give this play their support, for the receipts will be employed for the relief of the wounded French soldiers.

As there is only a limited number of tickets on sale, all those intending to see the play are advised to provide themselves with tickets as soon as possible. These may be obtained at the price of 25 cents, from Miss A. Seider, the president of the Society, or from Miss Marshall, the secretary-treasurer of the R. V. C.

The following are the members of the cast:  
Le Medecin Malgre Lui: Sgavarelle.  
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### IS NOW AT THE FRONT.



GUNNER ERIC PARSONS.

News has been received in the city that Gunner Eric Parsons, the great little centre of the McGill hockey team, has crossed to the firing line with a draft from the Canadian artillery in England, where he has been training since early in the summer. Gunner Parsons volunteered his services with the 66th Battery last spring, and went overseas with the draft from that unit. Parsons spent three years in Science at McGill, and was engaged in the manufacture of munitions at Lynn, Mass., when he joined the 66th. While a member of the McGill team, he was described as the fastest man in intercollegiate hockey. A brother, Bomb. Lloyd H. Parsons, Arch. '16, is with the 66th Battery in England.

## LT. MATHEWSON WAS BURIED AT LENS, IS WORD

Popular Undergraduate Was Killed in Air Fight.

### LT. C. H. B. COOPER DEAD.

Graduate in Science Was Serving in France with Royal Engineers.

S. J. Mathewson, 112 St. Famille street, has received word that his son, Flight Lieut. Kenneth Mathewson, Arts '17, who has been on the list of missing since he fell in an air fight over the German lines on August 3 last, was buried by the Germans near Lens. A plan of the position of the grave of this popular undergraduate has been forwarded to Mr. Mathewson, and he has also received word that Lieut. Mathewson was mentioned in despatches for his good work with the Flying Corps, in bringing down a German Fokker machine in a fight in which he showed his ability as an aviator. Lieut. Mathewson was reported missing following a report that he had been brought down behind the German lines, but until official word was received of the finding of the body of the young aviator and the burial near Lens, hope was not abandoned.

Lieut. Mathewson was one of three brothers, all McGill men, who enlisted with the 5th Royal Highlanders of Canada soon after war was declared, and who obtained commissions in the 42nd Highland Battalion when that unit was formed under the auspices of the parent regiment, the 5th Royal Highlanders, in the winter of 1914-15. The three brothers went overseas with the battalion, and in England Kenneth was transferred to the Flying Corps. From the first he proved a most capable flyer, and won much praise for his good work while in training in England. At the conclusion of his training there he was drafted to France, and had been on duty over the German lines until he was reported missing. Lieut. Sam J. Mathewson, Sci. '15, won the Military Cross and was promoted to the rank of captain for his work with the 42nd on the Somme, and a few days ago was reported to have again been promoted, this time to the rank of major. At the same time that his brother won the Military Cross, Lieut. J. A. Mathewson, Law '15, won his captaincy in the 42nd and was wounded.

Lieut. Kenneth Mathewson was a student at McGill for a number of years, first entering the Faculty of Arts in 1911. He had received his elementary education at Lower Canada College, and at the Montreal High School. Lieut. Mathewson was three years in the Faculty of Arts, and one year in the Faculty of Applied Science. He was elected president of Arts '17 in his Sophomore year in Arts, and also played class hockey. As outside wing of the second McGill football team, he showed such signs of promise as a football player that he was chosen by Frank Shaughnessy as spare wing for the senior football team in 1915. Lieut. Mathewson was born in Montreal on January 24, 1894, and was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Mathewson.

### Lieut. Corin H. B. Cooper.

A London despatch announces that Lieut. Corin Henry Benedict Cooper, Sci. '12, of the Royal Engineers, who was reported seriously wounded early in the month, has succumbed to his wounds after an illness of several weeks. Lieut. Cooper was with the Royal Engineers.

Lieut. Cooper was the son of the Rev. Sydney Cooper, rector of Heyford, Oxfordshire, England, and after taking his degree in Science in 1912 was engaged as assistant to Dr. J. Austen Bancroft, of the Department of Geology, in his work on the Mount Royal tunnel. Later he was assistant to Dr. J. Bonsall Porter, in the Department of Mining, and in 1913 took his M.Sc. degree in Mining. The summer of 1914 Lieut. Cooper spent on Geological Survey work in the West chiefly in connection with the discovery of oil in the vicinity of Calgary.

Lieut. Cooper's work was of such a character as to win for him recognition as a most promising young geologist. He did invaluable service in the Mount Royal tunnel, and the result of his work will appear in the forthcoming report. When war was declared Lieut. Cooper had just been offered a fellowship in geology at Yale University, where he might carry on further graduate study. He saw his duty so clearly, however, that he immediately volunteered his services to the Home Government. On acceptance by the authorities he went to England and secured a commission in the 15th Battalion of the Liverpool Regiment, in which Capt. Bertram St. George French, Arts '12, since killed in action, also held a commission. After some months' service, Lieut. Cooper was transferred to the Royal Engineers, and was connected with the 178th Company of that branch of the service until he was wounded early in November.

"He was a wonderfully fine fellow," said Dr. Bancroft to McGill Daily last night, "and although he was with me at the time when the Mount Royal Tunnel was at its dirtiest, he could be counted upon to do his duty at all times, and under the most dangerous circumstances. He was a splendid type of chap, and took a keen interest in natural science and in literature."

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## MATHEMATICS.

Seventy-five years ago the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, was the only institution on the Continent which gave a prominent place in its curriculum to Mathematics. The good standing required of graduates of our leading colleges in that branch, to-day, is known to all. Have we too much Mathematics? Emphatically no. University authorities are, if anything, conservative; leading educators would have left higher Algebra and solid Geometry in their old important place, and would never have introduced analytic Geometry, Calculus and Mathematical Astronomy, had they not been convinced of the necessity for the change. They have for the most part, rightly judged that it is from the time honoured classic studies that are to be acquired facility and elegance in communicating ideas, and that from the same source are to be received or strengthened the sound principles which beget rectitude of thought and deed. They have not, however, overlooked the fact that in our practical age not only the scientist and the engineer, but the legislator, the lawyer, the journalist, any man looked up to by his fellows, will, at times, be called upon to discuss, or even to plan or decide some of the thousands of questions, from the laying of a tramway to the building of a Woolworth building, which can be satisfactorily understood and wrought out only by mathematical formulae.

There is no need here to dilate on the excellent mental training secured by the study of mathematics. That is one of the few points on which educators in all ages have been in accord. Those who fail to derive any benefit are usually those who forget that of all studies Mathematics require most individual effort. It is unanimously agreed that there is no royal road here. In almost every other branch the old time recitation and text-book have given place to lectures and general reading, but no professor's explanations can make the student master of a mathematical formula; the learner must not only hear and read the demonstration, but patiently study and reason it out himself. It is far easier after a little effort to reason and understand than to memorize and work mechanically. The satisfaction immediately following the real mastery of a mathematical principle is of the keenest kind, and the student who really gets a knowledge of a branch of mathematics never fails to feel that he has secured advantages beyond his aspirations.

Is it desirable for everyone who takes a college course to study such branches as analytical geometry and calculus? We think that it is. True, only for him who takes a course in which the scientific element predominates, will these become instruments powerful enough to conquer about all the difficulties of curves and mechanical problems. But the elements of these branches will throw a flood of light on much that is treated in plane geometry and elementary algebra, which are essentially required for the perfect understanding of some of the most frequently employed theorems of higher algebra, and will furnish a simple solution of many practical problems which the student otherwise judges impossible. The man who does not master these elements has not a good general education, for he is not only a stranger to one of the most sublime realms of human thought, but is ignorant of the processes by which all extended operations in the exact sciences are carried forward. Such a one knows nothing of the instruments most familiarly used by the engineer, the astronomer and the machinist, in fact, is ignorant of the characteristic mathematical processes of his day. Difficulty is most often found in these subjects from a preconceived notion of their abstruseness, but they do not in reality lie beyond the reach of the average mind. The average student can master them easily provided he have a fair knowledge of general geometry and of the manipulation of equations.

## THE AMERICAN CLUB PLANS FOR DINNER

Some Prominent Guests to be Present at Annual Function.

Plans for the Annual Thanksgiving Banquet of the McGill American Club are progressing most favorably. A great number of the members have signified their intention of being present, and have already purchased tickets. The Executive have been fortunate in obtaining some very prominent and popular guests for the evening, and a royal good time is assured to everybody who is present.

As it is necessary to know the exact number that will be there a few days in advance, all who intend to buy tickets must do so by next Wednesday. Tickets can be had from the following men at \$2.50 each:  
A. C. Farlinger, Med. '17; C. F. Kelsch, Comm. '17; S. Hornbeck, Med. '21; J. M. Vaughan, Arts '18; R. C. Hastings, Med. '17; J. E. McLeod, Sci. '17; G. G. Ulmer, Sci. '17; V. LeMay, Sci. '17; J. F. Wickenden, Sci. '18; D. T. Smith, Sci. '19.  
Remember Thursday, the 30th, is the date, and the time is 7.30 at the Windsor Hotel. Members are privileged to bring along guests, to whom a hearty welcome will be extended. Everybody out to make this banquet the biggest success the American Club has ever had.

## DECREASE AT QUEEN'S.

The registration at Queen's this year is only a little more than half what it was last year, the figures being 1,157 and 2,009 respectively.  
The registration this year is: Arts, extra-mural and intra-mural is 772; Medicine, 139; Science, 86; Education, 49; Banking, 156.  
Theology is not included in the list, as this faculty opens somewhat later than the others.  
The decrease, of course, is largely explained by the war.

## THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

Jean Carrière, the Temps correspondent in Rome, writes an interesting account of the statement made by the Minister of Finance, Signor Luzzatti, at Venice, to the effect that when he was president of the council, he had invited Germany to influence Austria into abandoning her aggressive attitude toward Italy. The reply of the German Ambassador was that Berlin would do what it could to prevent misunderstandings, but that having need of Austrian support, it would be obliged, in case of war between Italy and Austria to support the Dual Monarchy. This public revelation made by the Minister of Finance has says M. Carrière, produced an enormous impression.

It is therefore once more proven, he continues, that the so-called Triple Alliance was in reality nothing but an alliance between Germany and Austria in which Italy was kept by a species of blackmail, the perpetual threat of an Austrian invasion. All this was well known to those to whom the political game was familiar, but it is good that these facts should be given publicly by men who, like Signor Luzzatti, cannot be accused of systematic hostility to the Central Empire. His speech in Venice is then of considerable importance. It is an accepted fact that this Austrian threat to Italy was made several times under the Prineti ministry.

From 1901 to 1903 the situation was so grave that war was considered inevitable, but Italy was not yet ready; she was in an isolated position, having no alliance except with her own enemies, and patience was the only course left to her. Signor Prineti retired and Signor Tittoni endeavored to mend affairs, while at the same time safeguarding the essential interests of the country by maintaining the status quo in the Adriatic and in the Balkans. He made this the basis of his policy. But it is known today that the Tittoni ministry was nothing but a long though secret struggle against Austria, an appearance of perfect agreement being outwardly maintained. Austria, under the influence of Germany threatened both during and after the Algeiras conference, at which the Italian representative, Count Visconti Venosta, voted with France on the decisive ballot on March 11th. It was then that Count Monte made the famous threat that the Austrian army would open the Milan exhibition. But the gravest threat of all was made in 1908, when Austria annexed Bosnia Herzegovina. It was then that the great manifestation took place before the Austrian embassy and Signor Fortis made his remarkable speech in the Chamber. But it was impossible for Italy to take up arms alone, when did not accept the situation, and Germany backed her ally to the full. Once more Signor Tittoni stayed off the evil day, risking the loss of popularity by so doing, and managed to make Austria renounce her pretensions to the Sanjak of Novibazar, which closed the road to Albania and to Salonika to the Dual Monarchy.

Austro-Italian relations remained very strained, for in 1909, after the Messina catastrophe, Conrad de Hotendorf proposed to the Emperor Francis Joseph that the condition of confusion in Italy should be taken advantage of and that an Austrian army should invade and punish the country. In 1911, when the Duke of Abruzzi pursued the Turkish vessels which had taken refuge at Preveza, Austria sent Italy a violently worded intimation, and, once more, Conrad endeavored to persuade the Emperor to give his authorization for a war with Italy which would restore Venetia to the Austrian monarchy. Italy was at the time engaged in the Libyan War. Signor Giolitti's revelations in 1914 showed that in 1913 Austria had asked Italy to join her in the aggression against Serbia and that Italy had refused, but from that time on, the situation became extremely difficult and the last year of the San Giuliano ministry was nothing but a daily struggle with the pretensions of the Austrian Ambassador von Merer. It is also now known that the scheme of the heir to the Austrian throne, assassinated at Sarajevo, was to attack both Serbia and Italy. Such have been the real relations of the two countries for the last fifteen years.

NO TRIP FOR RAIL-ROADERS.  
The Railway Club will not hold a trip this Saturday. There was some talk of holding the tunnel trip this week, but the tunnel has been declared temporarily unsafe, and the trip will have to be postponed indefinitely. The club at first thought of arranging something else in its stead, but they finally decided that, in order to enable men who wanted to see the football game between Science and Medicine on Saturday, no trip would be held, but that the plans of the club be changed so that all the men will be able to take in the trips at a later time.

## WHAT'S ON

### TO-DAY.

8.00 a.m.—Breakfast at McGill Union.  
12.00 p.m.—Dinner at McGill Union.  
1.30 p.m.—Joint Meeting, R. V. C. Athletic Association Executive and Basketball managers.  
4.15 p.m.—Arts '18 Class Meeting.  
5.30 p.m.—Supper at McGill Union.  
6.00 p.m.—Lit. Debating Society at Union.  
8.00 p.m.—French Play Rehearsal at R. V. C.  
8.00 p.m.—Medical Society Meeting.

### COMING.

25th—Science vs. Medicine, Football.  
25th—3 p.m.—French Play, R.V.C.  
26th—Société Française.  
26th—Maccabean Circle Meeting.  
26th—Sing at Strathcona Hall at 9 p.m.  
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Ten volunteers are needed to clear up between six and seven. The following have already offered their services: I. Hurd, R. Potter, F. MacLaren.

#### Athletic Notice.

There will be a joint meeting of the Executive of the Athletic Association and the Basketball managers of the four years at 1.30 to-day, in Room 11. Very important business is to be discussed, and everyone is requested to make a special effort to attend.

#### LEAVES THE HOSPITAL.

T. Conrad Wolff, Med. '17, who has been a patient at the Montreal General Hospital for some weeks suffering from bronchitis, has recovered sufficiently to proceed home for a holiday before resuming his studies.

### THREE SASKATCHEWAN MEN AWARDED HONORS

Two Win the D. C. M., and One Man Gets the Military Cross.

SASKATOON, Sask.—In the latest list of awards of military honors to Canadians at the front appear the names of three University of Saskatchewan men, one of whom has won the Military Cross, and the other two the D.C.M. All these men took part in the Courcellette fighting, and it was there that they won the distinction which has now been officially recognized.

Lieut. Ronald W. Pearson, who has won the Military Cross, was a law student in the University of Saskatchewan before enlisting and also studied law in the office of Acheson and Wakeling. He is the son of Frank Pearson, local manager of the Bank of Hamilton. He enlisted as a private in October, 1914, was transferred to the 53rd, and got a commission in February, 1915, and was transferred to the 28th in France on July, 1916.

Pte. F. G. Frost, who has been awarded the D.C.M., is a graduate in Arts of the University of Saskatchewan, and was a minister in Emmanuel College before enlisting. He was attached to the 28th as a stretcher bearer.

Corp. A. F. Neatzy, who has also received the D.C.M., was a student in the college of agriculture here. He enlisted with the 1st University company of the Princess Pats, and has been twice wounded.

### YALE FRESHMAN IN NIGHT ELOPEMENT

Met His Bride at Football Game—A Case of Love at First Sight.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y.—Following a night pursuit through several Connecticut cities, Walton Hall Smith, a freshman at Yale, and son of Leon Smith, wealthy wholesale dry goods merchant of Kansas City, and Miss Carolyn Hinman Parker, of a prominent Hartford family, arrived here before daylight Wednesday morning in an overheated automobile and were quickly married.

Relatives of the bride had telephoned to New Haven, Bridgeport, South Norwalk, Stamford and Greenwich, asking the police to prevent the marriage, and in each place the young couple failed to get a marriage license. But the Port Chester police were watching a parsonage instead of a justice of the peace as the big automobile raced into town.

Miss Parker and Mr. Smith first met last Saturday at the Yale-Princeton football game at Princeton, N.J., and had neighboring seats in a parlor car on a train returning to Connecticut. Miss Parker had many friends in New Haven, and she gladly accepted the invitation to stop off there, the result being that Sunday Mr. Smith proposed marriage. It is believed that Miss Parker telephoned to her family, in Hartford concerning her intentions, for early

### G. ROBERTS TO PLAY HOCKEY OUT WEST

Former McGill Student Signs up With Vancouver Team for Season.

A Vancouver despatch says: Pacific Coast enthusiasts are going to get their first glimpse of the famous hook shot this season, when Dr. Gordon Roberts, former Wanderer star, gets into action on the Vancouver scoring division. Roberts created the hook shot in the National Hockey Association, and is probably the only puck chaser in the game to-day who can curve the disc with the same accuracy as a bull player displays in putting something on the spheroid. Roberts' signed contract came to hand last night, and Frank Patrick is about the most contented individual in this neck of the woods. Roberts will be over from New Westminster next week to join the local squad.

Roberts has been eight years in professional company, and is more effective each season. He started to play pro. hockey during the season 1908-9, with the Ottawas, and the next year went to Montreal, where he played with the Wanderers ever since. He graduated in Medicine from McGill last year, and immediately removed to New Westminster, where he is practicing his profession. He makes his home with Mrs. Roberts at 322 Third Street, New Westminster. Roberts is looking forward to the best season in his long career. According to Eastern fans, he was easily the class of the N. H. A. last season, and as a goal getter is one of the best in the business. With Mackay and Cook assisting him he should bag a lot of points for the Millionaires this season.

### STUDENT OFFICERS IN THE UNIVERSITY C. O. T. C.

Four Undergraduates Recently Appointed Make Appearance on Parade.

Four of the new student officers of the McGill Contingent, C. O. T. C., made their first appearance on parade with the battalion at the Craig Street Drill Hall last evening. The four were Lieuts. V. S. Green, Arts '18; G. W. Bourke, Arts '17; L. G. Planché, Med. '20, and H. P. Foran, Med. '21. All are qualified lieutenants and took part in the instruction which the men of the battalion received last evening. It is understood that it is the policy to offer commissions in the battalion to at least four men from each of the Faculties, and that further appointments will be made in the near future.

Lieut. Green is a member of the editorial staff of McGill Daily, and is president of his class and editor-elect of the 1918 Annual. Lieut. Bourke was managing editor of McGill Daily last session, and is president of Arts '17. Lieut. Planché was graduated in the Faculty of Arts last session, while Lieut. Foran was on home service at Camp Borden during the summer.

### TODAY'S MENU AT THE UNION.

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#### RED HEAD CLUB.

Probably taking a hint from a certain story of the same idea, a group of students at Oberlin has formed a club, the qualifying condition being that the member's head be crowned with a halo of crimson locks. The club is to be known as the Order of the Golden Fleecy.

Sunday evening they became active in their efforts to prevent the marriage. They telephoned to William Brennan, Chief of Police of New Haven, to prevent the marriage, saying the girl was a minor. The chief learned that an application had been made to the City Clerk for a license, but had been refused, as Miss Parker had not lived in the county the required five days.

Detective work on Tuesday revealed the fact that Mr. Smith and Miss Parker had engaged a large yellow automobile with a chauffeur, and had started for Bridgeport. Telephone messages went along the south shore and at South Norwalk, Stamford and Greenwich it was learned that a very young couple and a big yellow car had asked for a marriage license, being refused in each place because of the five day law.

It was half-past eight o'clock when the relatives and Chief Brennan telephoned here to have the Port Chester police stop the marriage. The local police established a sentinel at a parsonage, and waited. While the police waited there Mr. Smith and Miss Parker arrived at the home of Charles O. Derby, Town Clerk, after midnight, and routed him from bed. He issued the license upon the statement that each was 21 years old. Then, instead of going to the parsonage, the couple went to the home of Justice of the Peace Malcolm Merritt, a willing first aid to Cupid, who left his bed and performed the marriage ceremony, with the friendly chauffeur as a witness. Then the couple drove away and so far as known here they have not been heard from by their friends.

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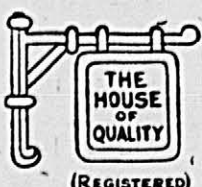
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R. V. C., Nov. 18.

Dear Marguerite—This isn't a regular letter at all. It's just "extra," to tell you about the fun we had the other night.

When I first came here I was afraid the girls were going to prove the most uninteresting crowd of prudes—but they aren't at all; they're real good sports when you get to know them.

Everything really had been frightfully dull and monotonous on the whole at the R. V. until last week, and we were all getting so perfectly sick of the routine, and of each other that some sort of reaction seemed inevitable.

It was then that one of our most enterprising spirits had an absolutely brilliant idea. "Wouldn't it be fun," she said, "to have a wedding?" A murmur greeted her remark, expressing all kinds of varying opinions. There was considerable opposition, I admit, and a good many obstacles bobbed up their objectionable heads, but the general sentiment seemed to be "pro," so finally, in spite of everything, it was agreed that a wedding we should have.

The planning and preliminaries caused a good deal of confusion, and took some time, for of course everybody wanted to be bridegroom, and the girl we all wanted for the bride protested that she didn't want to be married even if it were only make-believe. Well, at last, all the arrangements were complete, and the hour was named, and all there was left to do was for each one to make her own private preparations.

And then, one night, the appointed hour arrived, and how I wish you could have been there! for any description must be quite inadequate. It was after 10 p.m., when the guests commenced to arrive, and the corridors presented the queerest spectacle, overflowing with the most ridiculous and fantastic figures all rigged and topped up in their weird and gaudy best.

There were some very wonderful and awful combinations of colours in the costumes. Most of the ladies wore their hair stiffly braided and wired, and very weary-looking straw hats reposed on the top of the most elaborate of their coiffures with a pathetic attempt at loftiness. Odd slippers, enormous rubbers and overshoes took the place of more respectable footwear. Some of the guests carried open umbrellas, some of them

snow-shoes under their arms, and some of us Freshettes thought our Physics Lab. books might be useful at the ceremony.

The room, chosen for a church, was already packed when I arrived, and you couldn't imagine how one small room could hold so many odd figures. The minister, very heavily beghowed and bewigged, and atrociously giggled, waited anxiously under a ski-formed canopy. He seemed to be endeavoring in a loud, sonorous voice, to drown the irreverent buzz of chattering laughter, with a chant of meaningless and incoherent sounds.

Quite close at hand stood the bridegroom and best man, splendidly arrayed in gym. bloomers, short coats and quite good moustaches. The usual bashful shyness of demeanor which we expect under such circumstances was entirely lacking in the faces of these two giggling impersonations of men.

There was no awed hush when the door finally opened to admit the bride to the hoarse tune of wedding bells. In she wobbled with the customary veil and pillow disguise, leaning upon the arm of her chalk-faced parent. She was staggering slightly almost as if I mean she was blushing and looked very nervous. Behind her, two dreamy bridesmaids entered, fondly hugging as many vegetable bouquets. There really was nothing strikingly original about any part of the ceremony that followed, but I am sure we all laughed every bit as much as if none of us had ever heard all those hackneyed mock-marriage jokes before.

When we had all laughed till we simply couldn't laugh any more, a shrill solo was sung, and the bridal party proceeded to make a shuffling departure through about three inches of confetti and to wander up the hall, leading an aimless-looking procession of very conscientious singers.

And so it all came to an end, and next day it transpired that one or two of the minor members of the R. V. C. Faculty had been sought after while the ceremony was in progress, with this aim in view, that they might be prevailed upon to enter the church and intercede for peace. After all, they couldn't be found in their rooms. Wasn't that strange?

It also came to our ears that it was considered too bad that the junior years could not have had more consideration for their seniors—poor tired seniors, who had been studying hard all day and needed their night-rest. I just happen to know that hardly one senior was in her room either that night. Aren't coincidences the funniest things?

Write to me soon,  
Lovingly,  
ROSALINE.

## "LIT." EXECUTIVE MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Executive of the Literary and Debating Society, the Canadian Club of McGill University, to-night, at 6 p.m., in the Grill Room of the Union. Important business will be considered.

## PITTSBURG TEAM AFTER MADDEN.

A Pittsburgh despatch says: Those who have kept in touch with the hockey talent in Canada are confident that in L. C. Madden, the Pittsburgh Athletic Association Hockey Club will secure a find provided the star can be induced to forsake his studies long enough to come out for the team. Madden came to this city to complete his course in dentistry, having put in one year at McGill University, Montreal, and to date he has not given Manager Ross, of the P. A. A. seven any assurance that he will try for the team.

Madden was one of the few students at Ottawa University, which he attended before matriculating at McGill University who ever captured the "shield of honor," a trophy which is awarded to men who have earned their letters in four or more branches of athletics. Madden excelled in hockey, track, football and baseball at Ottawa, and received letters in each of these sports. In addition to playing on the Ottawa and McGill University seven, he was one of the stars of the crack Aberdeen club. He is forward, and his work is of the most sensational order.

## COMMERCIALS ORGANIZE.

The meeting of Commerce '17, held in the Smoking Room of the Arts Building, on Wednesday last, was very largely attended, practically all the class being present.

Roy H. Parkhill, the chairman, made a brief speech at the opening, explaining the object of the gathering. The result of the nominations for officers being M. P. De la Hant, President, and Howard Gail, Sec. Treas.

Among the various topics up for discussion was the formation of a social programme for the season, and it was decided to hold several Theatre Parties and dinners.

## MACCABEAN CIRCLE.

The next regular meeting of the Maccabean Circle will be held on Sunday, the 26th instant. A very interesting programme has been arranged. Rabbi Samuel Schwartz, of the Temple Emanuel-EI, will deliver an address on "The Place of the Jewish Student in the Community."

A. K. Viner will read a paper on a topic of Jewish interest. At this meeting, the Executive will report as to the policy of the Circle in regard to the formation of Study Circles. All members are urged to attend.

## STANSTEAD COLLEGE OLD BOYS.

Principal George J. Trueman, of Stanstead College, addresses both services at Westmount Methodist Church, corner of Lansdowne and Western Avenues, next Sunday morning and evening.

## HANDBOOK IS LOST.

A McGill handbook, containing valuable papers, was lost in the University grounds on Monday or Tuesday. Finder please return to J. Lande, Med. '21.

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